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SUBJECT: CIVIL AIR - AIR MALTA LINES OF DEVELOPMENT

DEPARTMENT PASS COMMERCE AND EXIMBANK, BRUSSELS FOR FAA, ROME:
PLEASE PASS TO BOEING DIRECTOR BOB EDWARDS

1. SUMMARY: DURING PERIOD JUNE 13- JUNE 15, RCAA DWOR AND EMBASSY
ECONOFF MET WITH CIVIL AVIATION OFFICIALS VALLETTA TO DISCUSS
RECENT MALTESE CIVIL AIR DEVELOPMENTS, ALL PREVIOUSLY
REPORTED BY EMBASSY. JUNE 15 MEETING WITH AIR MALTA' S NEWLY
APPOINTED GENERAL MANAGER INDICATES PROBABLY OPERATING
STANCE OF THE NEW MALTESE AIR CARRIER.

2. GENERAL MANAGER M. M. SALIM HEADS A FOUR- MAN TOP MANAGEMENT
TEAM, SECONDED FROM PAKISTAN INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES (PIA),
TO DIRECT OPERATIONS OF AIR MALTA. SALIM, LONG- TERM
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EMPLOYEE OF PIA, HELD PORTFOLIO OF PIA DIRECTOR OF PLANNING UNTIL THREE YEARS AGO WHEN HE WAS SECONDED TO ALIA ROYAL JORDANIAN AIRLINES AS DEPUTY MANAGING DIRECTOR. OTHER MEMBERS SALIM'S TEAM INCLUDE MARKETING MANAGER KHALED HASSAN (FORMER PIA SALES MANAGER U. S., FRANCE); IJAZ AHMED, FINANCE MANAGER; AND N. AHMED, OPERATIONS MANAGER.

3. TO INITIATE INDEPENDENTLY OPERATED AIR MALTA SCHEDULED SERVICES EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 1974 REPLACING PRESENT WETLEASED BRITISH AIRWAYS - BEA HAWKER SIDDELEY TRIDENT 3 B' S, THE NEW MALTESE CARRIER MAY DRYLEASE TWO 149- SEAT BOEING 720 - 040 B' S FROM PIA TO BE BASED AT MALTA'S LUQA AIRPORT. THE AIRCRAFT WILL BE OPERATED BY A ROSTER OF TEN THREE- MAN CREWS (CAPTAIN, FIRST OFFICER, FLIGHT ENGINEER). FIRST OFFICERS AND FLIGHT ENGINEERS WILL PROBABLY BE SECONDED TO AIR MALTA FROM PIA'S CURRENT FLIGHT- CREW ROSTER. CAPTAINS, HOWEVER, WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO BE RECRUITED FROM OTHER SOURCES, SINCE PIA RECENTLY LOST EIGHT CAPTAINS (SIX RESIGNED TO JOIN SINGAPORE AIRLINES, TWO RESIGNED TO JOIN ALIA).

4. ACCORDING SALIM, WHO COMMENCED HIS NEW ASSIGNMENT ONLY THREE WEEKS AGO, AIR MALTA WOULD HOPE TO INITIALLY DEPLOY ITS TWO LEASED 720 - 040 B' S ON THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE PATTERN:

MALTA- ROME - SEVEN ROUNDTrips WEEKLY
MALTA- LONDON - SEVEN ROUNDTrips WEEKLY
MALTA- PARIS - TWO ROUNDTrips WEEKLY
MALTA- TRIPOLI - TWO ROUNDTrips WEEKLY
MALTA- TUNIS - TWO ROUNDTrips WEEKLY
MALTA- FRANKFURT- COPENHAGEN - TWO ROUNDTrips WEEKLY

5. ABOVE PATTERN REPRESENTS 88 REVENUE AIRCRAFT HOURS WEEKLY, FOR AN AVERAGE DAILY SCHEDULED AIRCRAFT UTILIZATION OF 6.3 HOURS. SAMIL, HOWEVER, I
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